Opening of de-addiction centres

†2230. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to open new de-addiction centres in order to prevent the youth from drug abuse;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of de-addiction centres being run presently in the country;

(d) the number of persons who have been de-addicted in these de-addiction centres during the last three years; and

(e) the total amount spent on these de-addiction centres during these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) The Government sanctions new de-addiction centres in order to prevent the youth from drug abuse on the basis of field situation and availability of NGOs working in this area.

(c) 377.

(d) A total of 261, 877, 194, 787 and 172, 341 persons have been admitted for de-addiction in the centres supported by this Ministry during the years 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 (up to 30.9.2005) respectively.

(e) 2002-03-Rs. 25.50 crores

2003-04-Rs. 22.65 crores

2004-05 Rs. 25.50 crores

Preference to foreign foster parents in adoption of children

2231. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign foster parents are being given preference over intending Indian parents for adopting children;

(b) the number of NGOs or such agencies functioning in India that are engaged in looking after orphan and abandoned children; and

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(c) the number of such children who were adopted during the years 2003 and 2004?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) At present, there are 74 agencies recognized by Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) for providing care to orphaned and abandoned children and their placement in adoption within the country and wherever not possible, then with Indian and foreign parents living abroad. In addition, 40 Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) are receiving grant-in-aid under the scheme 'Assistance to Homes for Infant and Young Children for promoting In-Country Adoption' for running homes for care of orphaned and abandoned children and to place them in Indian adoption.

(c) The number of children adopted from the Adoption centres/homes run by the CARA recognized agencies and NGOs assisted under the scheme during the years 2003 and 2004 are as below:

2003		2004	
In-Country	Inter-Country	In-Country	Inter-Country
2409	1024	2168	1021

Funds for Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation

2232. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme for Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation is being implemented satisfactorily;

(b) if so, the funds released during the current financial year; and

(c) if no funds have been released, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Funds have not been released under the Scheme of